

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3 and 6-32 stand in the present application, claims 1, 30 and 31 having been amended. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

As noted above, Applicants have amended each of the independent claims in accordance with the Examiner's helpful comments during the interview with the Examiner on October 26, 2011. Accordingly, the Examiner's § 103(a) rejections of the claims are believed to have been overcome.

Support for the claim amendments can be found in the present specification at, *inter alia*, page 30, lines 21-22, "... synchronous (i.e., exceptions) and asynchronous (i.e., interrupts) events" and page 29, line 2, "...interrupt, trap or exception event ...". Since the cited references taken singly or in any combination do not teach or suggest the newly added features of the amended claims, these claims and their respective dependent claims are believed to patentably define over the art of record.

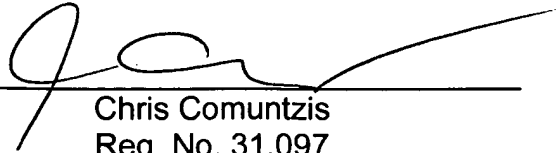
Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 1, 3 and 6-32, standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

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